

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer comprising

(a) at least one alkoxyLATED diallylamine derivative (monomer A),

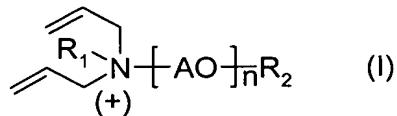
(b) at least one ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid, the

anhydrides thereof or mixtures thereof (monomer B) and

(c) if required, one or more further ethylenically unsaturated monomers C.

Claim 2 (Original): A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one compound

of the formula I



where

AO is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkylene oxide, styrene oxide or a mixture of two or more types thereof, it being possible for the two or more types to be attached to one another in block form or in random form,

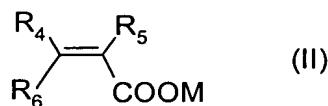
n is an integer from 2 to 200

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-cycloalkyl or an unsubstituted or substituted benzyl radical and

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-aryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>-alkanoyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>21</sub>-aroyl, a sulfuric(mono) ester, a phosphoric ester, NR'R'' or NR'R''R'''<sup>3+</sup> and R', R'' and R''', in each case independently of one another, may be identical or different and are hydrogen, a straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radical or a straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-hydroxyalkyl radical,

is used as monomer A.

Claim 3 (Original): A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one compound of the formula II or the anhydrides thereof



where

$R_4$  and  $R_5$ , independently of one another, may be either identical or different and are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

$R_6$  is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or a COOM group and

$M$  is hydrogen, a monovalent or divalent metal ion, ammonium or an organic ammonium ion,

is or are used as monomer B.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A polymer~~ The polymer as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 1 to 1 : 6.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A polymer~~ The polymer as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 2 to 1 : 5.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A polymer~~ The polymer as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight  $M_w$  of the polymers is from 1000 to ~~100 000~~ 100,000.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A polymer~~ The polymer as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A polymer~~ The polymer as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~, ~~obtainable obtained~~ by free radical polymerization of the monomers A with monomers B and, ~~if required optionally~~, further monomers C.

Claims 9-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A mineral building material comprising cement, water, at least one polymer as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, and ~~further conventional additives~~ at least one additive.

Claim 14 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 1 to 1 : 6.

Claim 15 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 1 to 1 : 6.

Claim 16 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 2 to 1 : 5.

Claim 17 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the molar ratio of the monomers A to the monomers B is from 1 : 2 to 1 : 5.

Claim 18 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the weight average molecular weight  $M_w$  of the polymers is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 19 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the weight average molecular weight  $M_w$  of the polymers is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 20 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 4, wherein the weight average molecular weight  $M_w$  of the polymers is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 21 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the weight average molecular weight  $M_w$  of the polymers is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 22 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 2, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 23 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 3, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 24 (New): The polymer as claimed in claim 4, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.